The following measures have been taken by the Corporation for improving the physical and financial performance during 1989-90:—

—Leasing of two aircraft from the USSR;

—Leasing of one Boeing 737 aircraft in April, 1989 in addition to 3 Boeing 737 already taken on lease from Mid-December 1988;

—19 Airbus A-320 aircraft on purchase order will start joining the fleet of Indian Airlines from June 1989 onwards in phases;

—Scheduling of aircraft from time to time according to traffic demand;

—Improvement in the on-time performance through capacity increase, better maintenance facilities and provision of cushion by way of stand-by aircraft;

—Unless essential for operational *exigencies, staggering of capital* projets and expenditure; etc.

Pricing formula for power supply

314. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have sought Cabinet intervention in favour of single pricing formula for power supplied to it;

(b) if so, what were the main reasons for the same;

(c) whether Union Government have accepted the same; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Mounting cargo at Indira Gandhi International Airport

315. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Monitoring Committee of the International Airport Authority of India recently met and considered ways to clear the mounting cargo backlog at the Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(b) if so, whether this problem has caused ripples in the Ministry of Commerce; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by the Internatoinal Airport Authortiy to improve the cargo backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The Central Monitoring Committee under the Chairmanship of DGCA was scheduled to meet on 12th April, 1989 but the meeting was postponed.

To overcome the difficulty regarding cargo backlog, Government of India have decided to allow all foreign airlines to operate extra flights from January to July in 1989 and 1990. During January to March, 1989, 4471 tonnes of export cargo was uplifted from Delhi Airport as compared to 3596 tonnes during the same period in 1988. The International Airport Authority of India has extended the *free period of storage at its cargo* terminal from 6 to 11 days so that exporters can tender export cargo and encash their documents.